(5) There was no occasion to take any explanation.
(6) No Government orders were issued in the matter.

Death of Chudala Chouri.

675. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they had received a petition from the betrothed of the prisoner, deceased Chudala Chouri, alleging that the prisoner Chouri was murdered by the Police.

(b) if so, what action did the Government take in the matter?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

(b) A report was called for from the Police Commissioner. The report was to the effect that there was no reason for suspecting any foul play. The petition was therefore recorded.

Inspector—Ernakulam Town Police Station.

676. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) who was the Inspector in charge of the Ernakulam Town Station when the Indian States Committee arrived here;

(b) did not some mischief makers show a black flag with inscription "Go back" when the party arrived at the Jail jetty;

(c) is not the Town Police Station in front of the Jail jetty;

(d) whether any and if so what preventive measures were taken by the Police to prevent such ugly incidents?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Mr. N. R. Sreenivasa Ayyar.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Necessary confidential instructions have been issued to prevent such incidents.

Petition—Police Intimidation.

677. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Was there a petition to the Diwan or Commissioner of Police from some people alleging police intimidation against those who wanted to give evidence in the matter of the unhappy death of Chengalam Muhamed;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to place the same on the table?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy is placed on the table. (*Appendix III*).

Government Advocate and his Assistant.

678. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(1) what is the pay allowed to be drawn by the present *acting Assistant* to the Government Advocate and Law Officer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Rs. 150 in the grade of Rs. 100—150.

Acting Diwans.

679. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of acting Diwans;

(1) whose name is published in the Malayalam State Calendar and the period for which they acted ;

(2) a list of acting Diwans whose names are not so published and the period for which they acted and what is the cause of this omission?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Mr. S. Locke from 31st Karkadagam 1076 to 20th Chingam 1078 and from 7th Meenam 1082 to 2nd Edavam 1082.

(2) (a) Mr. K. Narayana Marar from 25th Meenam 1087 to 25th Kanni 1088.

(b) Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar from 2nd Medam 1090 to 2nd Karkadagam 1090.

(c) Mr. P. Damodara Menon for one month from 1st Karkadagam 1103.

The names of Diwans who have acted for comparatively short periods were omitted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why distinction is given to one Diwan who has acted for a longer period and other Diwans who have acted for smaller periods in the publication of the names, in the calendar ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not find any written record or order about this distinction between publications regarding acting Diwans. But going through the several periods, I think they made out a distinction between Diwans who acted more or less in permanent vacancies and Diwans who acted for a short time and that while there was a permanent Diwan. I found that Mr. Locke acted in 1078 to 1082 when there was no permanent Diwan. That was the period between Diwan Sir Pattabhirama Rao and Banerji. So I think that was the basis on which these publications were made. Even in the case of Mr. Locke, I find that he acted once for five weeks and that is not shown in the *Panjangam*.

Small-pox attacks.

680. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of small-pox attacks;

(2) deaths from small-pox ;

(3) vaccinations in each Taluk of the State this year?

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